<u>George Hauck – Schnitzelburg Area Community Council</u>

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- A "tribal elder" whose memories and stories of growing up in Schnitzelburg have shed much light on our cultural past and have helped to create a sense of identity.
- Responsible for creating two neighborhood events which have now become established Schnitzelburg traditions: The Dainty Contest and Schnitzelburg's #1 Citizens Dinner.
- Inspired other S.A.C.C. board members to undertake efforts to preserve and promote local history so it can be passed on to future residents.

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Louisville's Next Top Neighbor

Nomination Form

Metro Councilperson: ***Jim King*** **District:** ***10***

Neighborhood association, group or HOA: ***Schnitzelburg Area Community Council (S.A.C.C.)***

Name of Nominee: ***George Hauck***

Address: 1000 Goss Avenue

Louisville, KY

Zip Code : 40217 Telephone: (502)637-9282

Email: Steve Cambron [barbu68@hotmail.com]

Criteria for Nominations-

1. A good steward of their neighborhood and the community who strives to protect and preserve the environment thereby improving the lives of others.
2. A neighborhood leader who understands the important role of the local community in a global world.
3. A neighborhood leader who demonstrates their passion for improving their neighborhood by addressing environmental concerns in order to improve the quality of life within their community.

4. A neighborhood leader who empowers neighbors by being an inspiration for positive change and asks "What's Next Louisville?"
5. A neighborhood leader who is engaged with the community to strengthen the neighborhood identity.
6. A neighborhood leader who celebrates and embraces diversity of culture, thought, and ability by promoting understanding and cooperation Metro-wide.

Briefly describe why this nominee deserves to be Louisville's Next Top Neighbor:

George Hauck is an extraordinary individual for many reasons. Here are just a few: At 91, he continues to be a community leader whose many examples of kindness have brought the neighborhood closer together. George is our "tribal elder" whose memories and stories of growing up in Schnitzelburg have shed much light on our cultural past and have helped to create a sense of identity. He still shares these stories every Saturday afternoon with the customers who come into his family store on the corner of Goss Avenue and Hoertz (since rededicated "George Hauck Way"). Many of the customers he served as children now come in to say hello and reminisce as adults.

Hauck's Handy store is celebrating a remarkable 100 year anniversary in 2012. The family business founded by George's mother, Elizabeth, continues to thrive in large part due to the George Hauck's kindness, goodwill and his love of storytelling about his neighborhood and its history. When George returned from service in World War II, he took over the local handy store's operation. The Hauck daughters continue to run the store to the present day.

Mr. Hauck is responsible for creating two neighborhood events which have now become established Schnitzelburg traditions. Thirty years ago, at the tender age of 71, he established the Dainty Contest which now draws hundreds of spectators. Well-known local and political figures turn out to take a turn at striking the Dainty. In order to create this annual event, George had to research (pre-internet) this traditional German children's street game and he fashioned the "dainty" and stick that is used in the present day competition. Donations collected during the Dainty contest are presented to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Last year's Dainty Contest was the subject of a National Public Radio newscast in which Mr. Hauck was interviewed. George is a life-long friend and volunteer at Louisville's Little Sisters of the Poor.

Mr. Hauck also established the Schnitzelburg's Number 1 Citizen's Dinner. Observing community life from his store windows and by talking with customers, George felt that Schnitzelburg had a lot of good neighbors and that recognition was due if a person took the time to make a difference in the neighborhood. The goal of the dinner is to publicly congratulate a member of the community whose extra efforts have made a significant, positive impact on the community. The first Number 1 Citizen Dinner was held in 1966 and has been going strong ever since.

How does the nominee meet the LNTN criteria? Please write 3-5 sentences, including examples.

As stated above, Mr. Hauck has created neighborhood events which have now become local traditions. In doing so, he has brought the entire community closer together and made us realize how unique and historically rich the Schnitzelburg neighborhood is. His example has inspired other S.A.C.C. board members to undertake efforts to preserve and promote local history so it can be passed on to future residents.

List any neighborhood or community projects that have been lead by the nominee:

1. ***The Schnitzelburg Dainty Contest***
2. ***The Schnitzelburg Number 1 Citizen Dinner***

List any other notable or admirable qualities of the nominee?

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All nomination forms are due, September 30, 2011 by 5:00 PM. No exceptions.

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM to Kate Sowada at kates@centerforneighborhoods.org or mail to Center For Neighborhoods, 610 S. 4th St, Ste. 701, Louisville, KY 40202.

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Site Form

Metro Councilperson: ***Jim King*** **District:** ***10***

Site Location : ***The corner of Goss Ave and George Hauck Way (Hoertz Street)***

Site Address: ***1000 Goss Ave.***

Brief Description of Site (include material, condition and color wall, etc.)

The site is the exterior wall of Hauck's Grocery which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. This is also the site of Schnitzelburg's historic annual Dainty Contest and would be an excellent venue to celebrate the legacy of George Hauck (founder of the Dainty Contest). The mural would be an excellent complement to the historical marker near the store which explains the origin of the Dainty contest and George Hauck's role in creating it. The mural would be painted on large section of plywood that runs along the length of the store. This area is used to post events and sales items. An area will be cleared of advertisements in the event that George Hauck is selected. The entire area is roughly 10 feet x 25 feet.

***Provide a photo of the site.**

See attachments

Contact information of property owner who granted permission:

Name: ***Karen or Lynn Hauck***

Address: ***1000 Goss Ave***

Zip Code :***40217*** **Telephone:** ***637-9282***

Email: ***barbu68@hotmail.com***

Are there any requirements or limitations requested by the property owner?

(Be specific)

Owner would like to know the size of mural beforehand.

All portraits will be completed using an exterior grade paint by local artist, Jeremiah Johnson. Volunteers will be provided to remove the portrait if desired by the property owner after all portraits have been on public display for a minimum of one year.